

THE MEETING OF KNIGHTS

Some of the Many Things That Will Be Considered in the General Assembly.

What Is Said About the Election of Officers Around Which Powderly and Anti-Powderly Men Will Center Their Strength.

Several of the delegates to the General Assembly of the Knights of Labor arrived yesterday, but those who have a long distance to travel will not get here until this morning. There are nearly 200 accredited delegates to the assembly, but not more than 150 are expected. District assemblies in foreign countries are entitled to delegates, but from the information received by the general officers probably only one delegate from abroad will be present, and he will come from Belgium. Among those already here are the general officers, with the exception of Mr. Powderly, the members of the executive board, and of the committee on credentials, and a few delegates who are seeking office in case many changes are made. The secretary and treasurer and members of the executive committee were engaged all day yesterday in making preparations for the meeting of the assembly. Mansur Hall, on the corner of Washington and Alabama streets, where the proceedings will take place, has been attractively decorated. According to the rules of the order the committee on credentials must meet two days before the assembly opens, and it was therefore in session all day yesterday. The committee was appointed at the General Assembly last year, and is composed of James Campbell, Pittsburgh; Chairman G. P. Hall, New Jersey; J. F. Hogan, Troy, N. Y.; Thomas Nashan, California; and Charles M. Metz, New York. The credentials of delegates were all in the hands of the committee several weeks ago. There will be several contests, and some of them will probably have to go to the assembly for settlement. There are two sets of delegates from D. A. No. 49, of New York city, and that case was being looked into yesterday. An effort will be made to keep out some delegates altogether, among them Robert L. Barry, of Pittsburgh, whose membership on the executive board was recently ended by resignation; but after that the Powderly people adopted a resolution expelling him. An attack will also be made on Charles E. Litchman, who also resigned from the executive board and espoused the cause of the Republican party. The general officers are inclined to believe that the contests will all be settled without any rupture in the order.

In all former assemblies the business has been transacted slowly, and it is possible that this year's session may be prolonged ten days or two weeks. It will be several days, the officers say, before any important business will be reached. The work is nearly all accomplished through committees, and the committee on credentials is the first to be organized. General Master Workman Powderly at the beginning of the session. It seems to be the unanimous opinion of those here that there will be a general revision of the constitution, and that the order, and there seems to be a demand for reduction of running expenses, which it is proposed to meet by consolidating the offices of general treasurer and general secretary, and by reducing the salary of all officers, including that of the general master workman. There is also talk of requiring one man to act as general secretary, treasurer and secretary to the executive board. There are three strong candidates for this position, if it is created—John W. Hays, who has filled both secretarieships since Charles H. Litchman's resignation; Robert Layton, of Pittsburgh; and Frederick Turner, the present treasurer. Hays is reputed to be the one man in the order who is in Powderly's full confidence, and therefore has a considerable following. Layton has many supporters in Pennsylvania and throughout the West. For a time there was a breach between him and Powderly, but it has been healed. In fact, Mr. Powderly positively declined to be re-elected general master workman. Layton is a probable candidate for that position. Turner has a strong personal following, and if the officers should be consolidated, the contest promised to be interesting, as no one of the candidates could muster strength enough immediately to be elected over the other two.

The most interesting feature of the session promises to be the opposition to the Powderly administration, led by Mr. Barry and Albert H. Carlton, of Massachusetts. It is thought by some of the delegates that Barry and Carlton will attempt to establish a new order, if they should be defeated here. "I know they have considered such a step," said one delegate yesterday. "Barry thinks that the dissatisfied Knights are a nucleus for a new order, and that would soon swallow the Knights. It will not be an order whose principles will be in opposition to the present one, but it will oppose those personally who constitute its present administration. It is useless to conceal the fact that there are many dissatisfied Knights who would be glad to join any movement Barry might propose."

"Where would the membership of a new order be obtained?" "In New York principally, and in Michigan. If H. H. Shefferson, master workman of D. A. No. 216, of New York, which is the National Shoe-makers' Assembly, is not seated in the General Assembly, I believe that the following would go with Barry. All this, however, is speculation, and I would not talk this way over my own name."

The woman section of the order will figure prominently in the proceedings, the delegates say. If an attempt is made to make it less expensive, there will be objection by Mrs. L. M. Barry, the lecturer and general investigator. She made a national reputation as a speaker. She is a candidate for re-election, and there seems to be no opposition to her. She will arrive here this morning.

The leading question among those who have arrived is whether Mr. Powderly will consent to a re-election. If he will not, they say the whole situation will be changed. The anti-Powderly delegates feel certain that he will not run again, and are talking of persons they will put forward as a candidate. John J. Jarrett, of Pennsylvania, has been suggested as a good man upon whom to compromise. In addition to him and Robert Layton, mention is frequently made of Richard Griffith, of Chicago, who is next in official rank to the general master workman.

General Master Workman Powderly, who was confidently expected to arrive last night, failed to come. He will probably be here early this morning. He has engaged rooms at the Grand Hotel.

The New Order of Knights.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—General Master Workman John P. Thompson, of the Independent Order, Knights of Labor, who has his headquarters in this city, was seen by a press representative today respecting the annual session of the General Assembly of the order of Knights of Labor, which begins at Indianapolis to-morrow. Mr. Thompson declined to express an opinion as to the outcome of the session. He was equally reticent when questioned as to the respective strength of the struggling factions. He remarked, however, that so far as the independent order was concerned there was nothing in the position to bring about any change in the policy or plans of the new organization. The propaganda had been inaugurated, and its constitution, rules and charters were already being distributed throughout the Union. R. E. Dakers, national organizer of the new organization, who has just returned from the West, simply corroborated Mr. Thompson's statement.

Requisition for Burglars.

The Governor, yesterday, on a requisition from the Governor of Ohio, issued a warrant for the arrest of James Ryan, Frank Rowe and John Carroll. They are charged with entering the store of J. L. Boyers, at Greenville, O., and stealing \$239 worth of goods. It is stated in the requisition that they carried the articles into this State, and some of them were found in their possession when they were arrested at Muncie, a short time ago, for murder and robbery. It is also set forth by Boyer, in his affidavit, that the men confessed to him, when he saw them in jail, that they had robbed him.

Christ on Calvary.

The attendance yesterday was much larger than on any previous day since this magnificent picture has been on exhibition at Plymouth Church. The election excitement and the disagreeable weather have both been such as to keep visitors away. Since the opening night all the stergymen in the city and nearly all of the professional men have looked upon "this breathing canvas," as Rev. Dr. Cleveland expresses it, as well as hundreds of others. Over one hundred

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AFTER THE ELECTION.

What the People Say in the Calm Following the Election of a New Mayor.

The New Denison House office presented quite a different appearance last night from what it did the preceding Monday evening. There it was crowded with a surging mass of excited politicians and citizens making guesses, and predictions, and wagers upon the outcome of the following day's election, while last evening there were few men in the office, and they were willing to talk upon any other subject rather than politics. The general expression is a feeling of relief that the campaign is over and settled. It will be but a short time, however, until Indianapolis will again be the central point for visitors from all over the country. The principal topic of conversation last night was the dismissal of Colonel Denison from the court of Chino, and the general opinion seemed to be that the American minister was being made a scapegoat for the faults of the administration. "The acts of President Cleveland," said W. D. Foster, "have been so calculated to carry the election that the anti-Chinese vote were some of them such that they could be called by no other name than brutal, and of course his minister was compelled to carry the blame for the administration in the letter and the spirit in which they were given by his chief, and it is not to be wondered at that he received his walking papers, and the wonder is that he has not been dismissed before. General Harrison expressed the standing of this Nation in his letter of acceptance better than I can express it. He was, before, and it is not consistent with the dignity of the country to be subservient toward the great or bullying toward the weaker nations of the earth." The subject of the conduct of the election by the Democrats in Marion county still is a leading topic of interest, and the suits being brought against Marshall Hawkins and his bondsman account of the illegal arrests made by his deputies, meet with the approval of every Republican. Those candidates whose defeat was the result of this outrageous intimidation, together with the suits, will contest the election of their opponents in every instance, as has been stated. A meeting of Republicans was held yesterday afternoon to consider the steps to be taken to prevent a recurrence of such a warlike proceeding will be filed before many days.

The Officials to Be Appointed.

The Democrats at the Capitol and those who obtain their appointments from the Governor, are beginning to speculate on their successors. Wm. A. Peck, Jr., in the Bureau of Statistics, is the only one who expresses no concern over the matter. He secures his official existence from the General Assembly, and as that body, unfortunately, has a Democratic majority, it is presumed he will continue in service. But Dr. Metcalf is counting on turning over to his Republican successor, when he is selected, the snug place of Secretary of the State Board of Health. That is an office in the filling of which the new members of the board who will succeed Drs. Seawright and Fritch will have a voice. Their terms expire in February. The position of Secretary of the State Board of Health is a position of considerable importance, and it is the appointment of two clerks. In addition to the members of the Health Board, the new Governor will appoint an Inspector of Mines and of oil, three trustees for the State and Purdue universities, a commissioner of fisheries, State Geologist, trustees for Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home, manager Female Reformatory, trustee for School for the Deaf, and a board of control for Reform School.

Putting the Returns on Record.

The Secretary of State had in his possession, last night, the election returns from all but seven counties. His deputies and clerks have all that have been reported tabulated, and the official vote, therefore, will soon be obtainable. It is a tedious work, this setting at accurate figures, as the vote of each county is read off on the name of each candidate to a clerk, who writes them on a jobbing slip, and the clerk distributes them to the proper officials. The footings must be made, and when the State ticket is off their hands the clerical force will be required to dive into the returns on Senators and Representatives to which they are assigned the vote for the electors is to be taken up.

A Little Late for Pastors.

A testimonial to the efficiency of the Postoffice Department comes from Evansville. Charles Munson's pastor, in jobbing slip, being distributed among the faithful at that place.

Notes from the Campaign.

The canvass of the judicial office of Marion and Hendricks counties will be made Wednesday by the sheriffs of the two counties. One firm in this city sold during the campaign over 2,700 dozen stick flags, besides many thousands of other flags and unnumbered yards of bunting.

The Republicans of Pike township will hold a general rejoicing at Traders' Point this evening. Every Republican in the county is invited to attend and join the chorus.

A jubilee over the result of the election is announced for this evening at Bethel M. E. Church, where short speeches will be made by the Hon. S. J. Poole, Dr. S. A. Elbert, Auditor of State Carr, James S. Hinton and others.

All members of the First Voters' Club who will go to Acton tonight are invited to meet at the Union Depot not later than 6:15. The club will be given a reception, and a general good time is assured. A rate of one fare for the round trip has been secured.

A thousand people assembled on the south front of the court-house yesterday to see Charles Baden publicly paddle Jacob Bos, the outcome of an election wager, the conditions of which were that the loser should submit to be publicly spanked by the winner or forfeit the sum of \$50. Baden was on hand with his paddle, prepared to perform his part of the contract, but the spanker failed to show up to the disappointment of Baden and the crowd.

The Fulfilling of the Election Wager of Louis Fay and Frank Hunt took place on the canal yesterday afternoon, in the presence of thousands of people. Fay, being a Democrat, was defeated by the Republican ticket, and he was obliged to perform his part of the contract, but the spanker failed to show up to the disappointment of Baden and the crowd.

Barney Baldwin, the broken neck wonder now exhibiting at the Eden Musee, offered to submit himself to a surgical examination yesterday at the Occidental Hotel. He says that he was there at the appointed time and found two or three physicians and two or three hundred medical students awaiting him, the object being to allow each one of the students to make an examination. He refused, and they began to call him a fraud. He now offers to submit to an examination of any five surgeons of the city, and if they do not give him a certificate that his claims are true, he will retire from business and give \$5,000 to any charitable institution the Mayor may name. Mr. Baldwin thinks that if he was a fraud he would have long since been exposed.

The Proposed Jollification.

After the jollification parade, Saturday night, was declared off on account of the bad weather, some one proposed to have it Wednesday night, but the shortness of time suggests the advisability of having it Saturday night, so the people of the State can have the opportunity to participate in the demonstration. The committee heretofore appointed will meet at the New Denison to-day at 3 o'clock to take the matter under consideration and appoint the proper committees and officers for the occasion. It is desired that all the members of the committee be present at to-day's meeting.

Shot by His Wife.

Charles Hess, living at No. 447 Indiana avenue, was shot in the leg by his wife, Bell Hess, last night. The shooting grew out of a family quarrel in which a woman in the neighborhood participated. Mrs. Hess claims that she got the revolver to scare her husband and that it went off accidentally. She was arrested for assault and battery with intent to kill. Mr. Hess's injury was attended at the City Hospital. It is not serious.

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A REVIVAL IN TRADE.

After the Excitement of the Campaign, Merchants Look Forward to Good Business.

The excitement of the campaign is acknowledged by all business men to have claimed a larger share of their attention than any similar influence for many years, and for a week or two previous to the election trade was almost at a standstill. The result has not yet had time to be fully felt, yet merchants unanimously agree that an unusual confidence, particularly on the part of retail buyers, has already been inspired. As an instance of this, a number of firms say they have now made engagements with new traveling salesmen to take the road immediately, a service that is ordinarily postponed till the first of the year. They give as the reason for this that customers have been hesitating about buying goods of which they really stood in need, being in some doubt regarding their future value, but that now a continuance of the tariff being assured, they are everywhere ready to purchase very largely. The heavy corn crop is generally cited as furnishing the chief basis of hope for the trade reviving in this State. The railroad men all state that they notice a marked increase in car load shipments, and other indications of an enlarged carrying trade. V. T. Malott said yesterday that he had observed that not only were the railroad men here busier, but that the banks and capitalists generally were beginning to show more confidence than for many months. The tariff is said by business men everywhere to be the real question that interested them. One merchant said he had been traveling over the State, among his customers, distributing literature on the subject, solely at his own expense. At another place, he reported was shown telegrams from the three largest boot and shoe manufacturers in the world, congratulating the Indianapolis house on the result of the election. 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